## **FARROW LAKE**

Topsfield, Washington Co. U.S.G.S. Farrow Mountain, ME (7½')

## Fishes

Landlocked salmon Lake trout Brook trout Rainbow smelt Yellow perch Minnows Lake chub Common shiner Blacknose dace Creek chub Fallfish White sucker Bullhead (hornpout) Burbot (cusk) Ninespine stickleback Redbreast sunfish Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel

## **Physical characteristics**

Area - 224

## **Temperatures:**

Surface- 72°F. Maximum depth – 76 feet 75 feet - 46°F.

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Farrow Lake lies at the base of Farrow Mountain in the headwaters the West Branch of the St. Croix River watershed. The shore along the northern part of the lake is steep and drops off quickly into deep water. The shore in the southern part is shallower and contains some wetland and sandy areas. There is also a sandy beach at the north end where Woodcock Brook enters the lake. Mixed forest growth extends to the lake shoreline in most areas. Considerable camp development has occurred along the southern and eastern shorelines of the lake.

The water quality in Farrow Lake provides very good habitat for coldwater game fish. The very clear water stratifies in the summer months and retains sufficient oxygen below the thermocline to sustain trout and salmon. Occasional oxygen deficiencies have been recorded in the deepest water. The two major tributaries to the lake support smelt spawning runs and should be kept clear of obstructions. Beavers have occasionally caused problems at Woodcock Brook by building dams.

Farrow Lake has been stocked with salmon and lake trout in the past but at present both species maintain a population through natural reproduction. Salmon spawning occurs in the outlet of the lake and lake trout spawning occurs on a rocky shoal near the outlet. Brook trout are currently being stocked and plans are to continue this program.

The IF&W Department has purchased a lot off Rt. #6 at the south end of the lake with an access site at this location.

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